

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

POLICY DECISION

POLICY TITLE: **Management Objectives
For Coastal Dungeness
Crab**

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Goals

- To protect the reproductive capacity of the stock
- To involve the commercial fishing industry representatives in the management of the fishery
- To protect public health
- To maximize the economic benefit from the resource
- To adopt regulations which seek to achieve safe and orderly fisheries
- To provide a sustainable Dungeness crab fishery of high quality product consistent with the "even flow" legislative mandate
- To provide support to industry buyback initiatives
- To protect Dungeness crab habitat

Policies

- Comply with the federal court order relative to treaty/non-treaty sharing of coastal shellfish resources
- Manage the fishery to primarily benefit the commercial fishery
- Cooperate with other states' fish and wildlife agencies
- Seek to achieve a fair and equitable distribution across industry sectors of the effects resulting from the design and implementation of "even flow" management measures
- Manage the coastal Dungeness crab fishery consistent with the preferred alternative in the Even Flow Harvest Management Plan.